

Honor to the Brave.

Glorious Record of Patriotism---Glowing Compliments Worthily Bestowed.

Reported by J. W. T. Hilliard, of the Columbia Chronicle.

News having reached Columbia that the 14th Michigan Veteran Volunteers, which has been stationed here since September last, was ordered off, a meeting of the citizens was convened at the court-house, and a series of resolutions adopted, which do credit alike to the citizens and soldiers. The honorable, consistent and liberal policy of the 14th Michigan has merited and won the esteem and applause of all true lovers of their kind and country, and their sudden removal from our midst has brought fear and mourning to all classes of the community. They have driven guerillas and thieves from this country clear to the Tennessee river, and have done more to create a feeling of respect and veneration for the old Government, than ten thousand bayonets and proclamations could have done. They strengthened the hopeful, confirmed the faith of the true, won back the erring and terrified, and subdued the defiant. They fought bravely, often desperately, captured many prisoners, and disarmed opposition with gentlemanly kindness and courtesy. Ever mindful of their mission, they treated the people as feeling, human beings, and not as brutes. They will be long and affectionately remembered by our people.

The chairman of the meeting, Joshua B. Frierson, Esq., accompanied by the committee and a large delegation of citizens, entered the Union Bank office (Post Headquarters,) explained in a few feeling sentences the object of the meeting to Maj. Fitzgibbon, (who has been in command since Col. Mizner went home on furlough, over a month ago,) and read to him the following resolutions:

Resolved 1.—That we tender to Col. Henry R. Mizner our sincere thanks for the liberal policy that characterized his administration among us, an administration peculiarly embarrassing, as his course lay between the Scylla and Charybdis of civil and military authority, but to which he brought the highest administrative qualities, combining in an extraordinary manner the patience, the liberality and decision of a true soldier and the urbanity of a gentleman. Our heartiest good wishes go with him in all his future career.

Resolved 2.—That we cordially express to Maj. T. C. Fitzgibbon our gratitude and highest respect. The presence of this able officer among us has been a public benefaction. His indomitable energy and bravery have won for us the suppression of that greatest curse of war—guerillaism; and to his bold, manly words, in a larger measure than to any other is due the restoration of civil law and order in this district—the bright dawn of a better day. The national uniform covers no kinder heart or more gallant soldier. Orphans and widows beg blessings upon the head of the noble Major of the 14th Michigan.

Resolved 3.—That to the officers of the 14th Michigan generally, we tender our feelings of obligation, for the uniform courtesy that we have received at their hands—always ready to do us a kindness. It will ever be remembered by us.

Resolved 4.—That to the men of the 14th Michigan our thanks are due. They have won for themselves, not less than their officers, "an enduring name" among us. May the fortunes of war deal kindly with them.

Resolved 5.—That these resolutions be handed by the Chairman of the meeting, and the committee, in person, to Major Fitzgibbon, with the request that they be published in the newspapers of Michigan, the home of the gallant 14th.

JOSHUA B. FRIERSON, Chairman.

NIMROD PORTER,
JOHN W. MAYES,
JOHN H. STRATTON,
SAM. M. ARNELL,
LEVI KING,
NAT. W. JONES,
JEREMIAH GILMER,

Committee.

To this Major Fitzgibbon spoke nearly as follows: